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1. This Office Action is in response to applicant's request for consideration of an IDS submitted in October 2004 of 4 Aug 2005 and a newly submitted IDS received 23 September 2005 (after allowance).

2. The IDS of Oct 2004 is considered. The 2 Japanese patent documents appear to be directed towards 3-dimensional and icon based displays that are unrelated to the invention. The "Push-Based Auditory User Interfaces" reference only included an English translation of the Abstract which did not provide any information relevant to the claimed invention. The terminology in the abstract and title (i.e. – "Push-Based Auditory User Interface") does not make any sense and is most likely an improper or incomplete English translation. The reference to a comparison with a telephone interface is considered irrelevant to the claimed invention.

The IDS submitted in September 2005 is not timely under 37 CFR 1.97; no fee has been paid under 37 CFR 1.98 nor as any explanation been offered. Therefore, the conditions necessary for consideration under 37 CFR 1.56 have not been met.

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